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(57) Abstract: Genes that are differentially expressed in subtypes of renal cell carcinomas are disclosed as are their polypeptide products. This information is utilized to produce nucleic acid and antibody probes and sets of such probes that are specific for these genes and their products. Methods employing these probes, including hybridization and immunological methods, are used to determine the subtype of a renal cell tumor sample from a subject based on the differential expression of such genes that is characteristic of the cancer subtype.

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	GITAN, R.S., Methylation-Specific Oligonucleotide Microarray: A New Potential for High-Throughput Methylation Analysis. Genome Res. December 2001, Vol 12. pages 158-164, whole document.	1-28

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1. Claim Nos.:
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